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## BIG GIN BURNS

**Former Dockery-Allen 9-Gin System Burned Night of May 5th. About 276 Bales of Cotton Lost. Total Insurance About \$19,000. Loss About \$35,000.**

The big Dockery-Allen cotton gin and storage warehouse in West Rockingham was totally lost on Thursday night of last week about 12:30 o'clock; and besides the valuable gin machinery, about 276 bales of cotton were lost and something like ten tons of seed.

The gin was the largest in the county, consisting of three electric driven and six steam driven gins. The fire originated in this building, and had enveloped it before discovered. The cotton warehouse nearby quickly caught and it too was doomed.

The loss to the owners will be approximately \$35,000 with about \$19,000 insurance. 276 bales of cotton were lost, with insurance on about 206 of these bales.

It was a most spectacular fire, the buildings and contents being easy meat for the hungry flames. And the reflection sent skyward could be seen for many miles. It is not known how the fire started; the gins had not been operated the day before, and so it is presumed to have been caused either by spontaneous combustion, or a carelessly thrown match.

## Small Blaze Sunday.

The fire alarm Sunday morning at 10:10 brought the truck to the residence of Hill Parsons, on Franklin street, but it was not necessary to connect up the hose. A few shingles around the kitchen flue had caught fire, but these were put out with little trouble. Coming just at the Sunday school hour caused quite a crowd to gather.

## Marriage Licenses.

May 6—Worth B. Crouch and Nellie O'Brien, white.  
 May 7—Frank Rush and Carrie Sneed, colored.  
 May 11—Tom Simmons and Lola Buie, colored.

Payne says "help business with your busy-ness." He, by the way, will have some snappy epigrams, etc., in his advt. at top of page seven each week. Look for it.

## Town Taxes.

D. M. McCall has been appointed as list taker for the town of Rockingham. The month of May is the listing period. Better attend to it now instead of waiting for the rush of the last of the month.

## Cotton Seed for Sale.

For Sale, 180 bu. of improved Cleveland Big Boll cotton seed—the bales to the acre kind. See J. A. McAulay at courthouse.

## \$238 Realized from Play.

The "Deestrick Skule" was presented in the opera house on Friday night of last week, as scheduled, and it was almost necessary for Manager Atkinson to hang out the S. R. O. sign. The gallery and lower floor were filled, with chairs lining the side-aisles. The proceeds after deducting all expenses, amounted to \$238, and this will make a tidy nest-egg for the Episcopal Church organ fund.

Directing the play were Mesdames A. G. Corpening, W. L. Parsons and W. R. Jones. Judging by the laughter and expressions from the audience, the affair went over with a bang. It would be an invidious comparison to pick out any particular shining light in the galaxy of actors, but the talent displayed by W. S. Thomas as a clog dancer, Mrs. George Steele as a teacher, Bud McAulay as a theme writer, and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Armistead as mischievous school children, were of an order to arouse the risibles of the most case-hardened group.

Between the acts, a quartette consisting of John Cole, Coney Steele, John Scales and Tip Steele entertained the audience. And before the curtain rose for the play, an orchestra composed of Miss Ruth Harrison, Lonnie Sides, Bill Ormond and Tom Linton, thoroughly delighted all.

Mrs. George Steele made a capital "teacher"—and she needed to be a good one to cope with such pupils. The "board of visitors" were Mrs. W. S. Thomas and Mrs. W. L. Parsons. The pupils were: Mesdames Buren O'Brien, Walter Jones, W. N. Everett, I. S. London, Maude Hull, John Armistead, Walter Parsons, A. G. Corpening, Walter Thomas, Jake Hinson; Misses Eloise Smith, Nancy Finley, Eadale Shaw, Mollie Long, Bernice Turner; Messrs. J. A. McAulay, W. S. Thomas, Omer Henry, I. S. London, B. T. Payne, W. N. Everett, Jr., Fred W. Bynum, Walter King, Buck Entwistle, Bill Ormond.

## Lyceum Next Winter.

The series of three Lyceum attractions a few weeks ago signed up by a score of local guarantors to amount of \$450, will be presented in December, January and February. The attractions are Princess, Nadonia Indian Quartette, Elizabethan Players in "Taming of the Shrew," and Loren Bates Trio.

## Local Men Win Honors.

On the night of April 29th an old-time fiddlers' convention was held in the Moose hall at Laurinburg; it was attended by fiddlers etc from near and far. Attending from Rockingham were Messrs. D. F. Morgan, George Warburton and G. H. Cox, and these three men carried off first prizes in their class—Mr. Cox as the best banjo picker; Mr. Morgan as the best fiddler; and \$10 each, the trio bringing back \$30 from their trip, in addition to enjoying the occasion.

## Holidays.

The banks of Rockingham were closed Tuesday, May 10th, this being a legal holiday—Confederate Memorial Day.

Decoration Day, a National holiday, is May 30th. In observance of this the New York Cotton Exchange will be closed May 28th and 30th. The Liverpool Exchange will be closed on May 16th and 20th in observance of some English holiday.

## Ellerbe Banks.

In this issue can be seen the quarterly reports of the two banks at Ellerbe. Three of the Rockingham banks were published.

## \$60,000 IN SCHOOLS

**Contracts Let Wednesday for \$30,000 School Building for Rohanen. A Similar Contract Will Be Given for Steele's Mills. Schools to Be Finished by October 1st.**

In December of 1919 the cotton mills of Hannah Pickett, Entwistle and Roberdel No. 2, set aside the sum of \$30,000 as a fund for erecting a modern school building for their three adjoining villages; and at the same time Steele's Mills set aside \$25,000 for a building for its community. The money was placed to itself for this purpose, but work was deferred until building conditions should be more favorable. And this was wise, as doubtless a forty per cent better building can be built now for \$30,000 than would have been the case a year ago.

The mills decided that now is the proper time to build, so they received bids on Wednesday. The contract for the Rohanen school was let to T. C. Thompson & Bros., of Charlotte, and very likely that for Steele's Mills will be awarded to the same firm within a day or so. The contract calls for completion of the building by October 1st, which will enable the next term to be taught in a model building. There will be 8 class rooms, and an auditorium seating nearly a thousand. It will be of brick and two stories. It will cost around \$30,000 and the furnishing will require several thousand more, and this the mills will give. The site selected is near the Hannah Pickett tank—about center of the three villages. The building for Steele's Mill will be like the Rohanen building, but will be just a trifle smaller.

The Star program is on page tw. and Hamlet opera house program on page 8.

## Two More Wells.

The Dockery Merc. & Mfg. Co. have just completed two additional wells at their ice plant in West Rockingham, the last two being 78 and 57 feet deep, respectively. They are bored wells, and will enable the factory to use pure well water entirely in its ice manufacture.

## Penalty for Failure.

Section 82 of the Machinery Act of 1921 provides that all who fail to list for taxes during the month of May must pay a penalty of 25 per cent of the returns, to be added and taxed with the cost. This is a State law and it provides that failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that such failure was willful. See your list taker during the month of May and avoid the penalty.

## BABY DESERTED

**Colored Baby Left on Seaboard Shoofly Saturday at Rockingham.**

A colored baby, apparently a few weeks old, was deserted on the Seaboard Shoofly at Rockingham Saturday at noon. Just before the train reached Rockingham from Hamlet, a colored woman handed the baby to another colored woman and asked her to hold it while she stepped off the train at Rockingham on some errand. The woman obliged her, but when the train started again and the other woman failed to appear, she instantly became alarmed, notified the conductor and the train was stopped a hundred yards or so west of the station. The mother could not be found, and so the baby was placed in John Thompson's arms, the colored helper at the station, and the train proceeded.

Supt. of Public Welfare O. G. Reynolds was notified, and the infant brought to his office at the courthouse. A colored woman from Hamlet, Ida Neal, volunteered to take it, and so it was placed in her charge, at least temporarily.

## Who Advertised For It?

There is no question but that advertisements inserted in the "want" column of the Post-Dispatch gets results. They bring home the bacon. But recently it was so effective that now we are forced to advertise for the advertiser. In the hurry of press day, two weeks ago, some one entered this office and scribbled an advt. for an umbrella that he had lost. We inserted the advt., the umbrella was of course duly found—but the name of the advertiser was entirely lost to mind. So if the said umbrella loser will make himself known, he can get his property at this office. It pays to advertise.

## W. F. C. Commencement.

Wake Forest College commencement will be held from May 25th to 27th. The alumni oration on the 25th will be by President E. W. Sikes, of Coker College. The baccalaureate sermon the night of May 26th by Dr. Curtis Lee Laws. The class orations and conferring of degrees, and baccalaureate address will all take place on Friday, the 27th. Alumni Day on the 25th will be attended with reunions by the classes of 1861, 71, 81, 91, 01, 11.

## Nina Has Twins.

The Jersey cow, Eminent's Nina, owned by the department of animal husbandry at State College, has smashed another precedent. Not being content with establishing a new record, for Jerseys, in milk production by producing, in 365 days, 15,035 pounds of milk, containing 824 pounds of butter, she recently presented the department with twin heifer calves! Fan's Peur of Shagomet is the proud father.

The young bovine aristocrats are perfect in every way and are growing rapidly. They are of solid color and identical in conformation.

## New Trial Granted.

The Supreme Court a few days ago ordered that a new trial be given the Pee Dee (Anson county) negroes who were convicted at Wadesboro some months ago of conspiracy. The negroes are Frontis Diggs, Alex Douglass, Watt, Ben and Frank Robinson. Diggs was sentenced to the roads for 12 months, and the other negroes to six months each.

It will be remembered that these men and others were accused of conspiring to lynch a white man, W. H. Watkins, of Richmond county, at the Pee Dee station last summer. They were tried in Superior Court at Wadesboro and duly convicted. They appealed to the Supreme Court, and now a new trial has been ordered for them.

## CHAUTAQUA IS FINE

**Redpath Chautauqua Scores Unqualified Commendation in its 5 Days Stand in Rockingham This Week. A Return Next Year Earnestly Desired.**

The Redpath Chautauqua has come... and completely captivated our community. It more than sustains its reputation as being educational and entertaining; and our people have fully caught the Chautauqua spirit.

This is the first time a real Chautauqua has ever been to Rockingham. Consequently our people were dubious about buying season tickets. But not so if it comes here again next year. This Chautauqua was guaranteed by 25 Rockingham citizens; these guarantors took no interest in the sale of tickets, and just a few days before the opening, the King's Daughters took the sale in hand and actively pushed the tickets. They sold something like \$700 worth, leaving a deficit of about \$550 which the guarantors had to make up, costing each about \$25 [but this was latter reduced to approximately \$15 for each by special sale of the season tickets allotted to each in the deficit.]

The tent was pitched on the school grounds, just to the rear. The opening number Monday afternoon was by the Hippie Concert Company. Monday night a concert by this company and a lecture by George L. McNutt. Each morning this week at 11 o'clock Miss Pierson has what is known as "Children's Hour," and the tent is packed; this is entirely free. The lecture by Harry L. Fogleman on "Success or Failure" Tuesday night was worth the entire cost of a season ticket. The Irene Stolofsky company Tuesday was good, but the best was on Wednesday night by Dunbar's White Hussars—a singing and playing band of marvelous musicians. In this company is Lester... who played the part of Will Scarlet in the Robin Hood company that was in Hamlet some months ago. This afternoon Dr. Hagerman lectured on "The world we live in," and tonight the play, "Nothing but the Truth," will be presented; two of this company were in the original New York cast. Friday afternoon the Grobecker's Swiss Yodlers will be on the program, and again Friday night together with cartoons and readings by Miss Eargle. And the Chautauqua will come to a close Friday night.

The season tickets sold for \$2.75, and we venture the assertion that there is not a single person who attended who is not more than pleased with the cheap cost of seeing such wonderful performances.

Tonight the director, Mr. Price, will take up the matter of securing guarantors for next year. It can almost be certainly predicted in advance that he will be successful, now that our people realize what a real Chautauqua is. He will try to secure as many as 40 guarantors, or more; and for the sake of Rockingham and community it is hoped he will succeed.

## Ford and Shingles.

A small shack about a hundred feet or so to the rear of the Farmers Bank was burned Tuesday night about 8 o'clock. The building itself was of little value, and doubtless a good riddance, but it sheltered about 3000 good shingles belonging to Dr. E. H. Chamberlain (the building also belonged to him,) and a Ford touring car, the property of Harry Levine. Mr. Levine had about \$400 insurance on his car. It was burned almost beyond recognition—even for a Ford.

The fire truck reached the scene promptly but the small shack was a mass of flames. There is no idea as to how the fire started; perhaps by some one passing and throwing a match carelessly down.

## Superior Court.

Next term of Superior Court for Richmond county begins May 30th, with Judge Ray presiding. The calendar of cases will be published next issue. Another civil term begins June 20, under Judge Ray, and still another begins July 18th but with Judge Finlay presiding. On July 25th will begin a week's term for criminal cases, under Judge Finlay.

## Dandy Courts in Process.

Work on the three courts of the Rockingham Tennis Club is progressing nicely. The turf has been removed, surface leveled, and workmen are now hauling clay on them. Wire netting to height of twelve feet completely encloses the courts.

It is likely that these courts will be ready for play by the last of next week, and a formal "opening" will be held with an afternoon party to the members. The total number to be taken into the Club will be about forty, and after these have joined, admittance to the Club will be closed. Shortly after the courts are opened, a tournament will be arranged, this to include singles for gentlemen and ladies, and doubles. And then matches with teams from other towns. All in all, the courts of the Rockingham Tennis Club promise to be exceedingly popular with the membership, and any out-of-town friends they may care to invite to play. The courts will of course be closed to resident non-members.

## McRae-Lee Marriage.

Friends will be much interested to learn of the marriage in Baltimore today (Thursday) of Mr. W. P. McRae, of Rockingham, and Miss Virginia Lee, of Monroe. Messrs. Will McRae and Mial W. McRae left Rockingham Tuesday night for Baltimore, joining there Miss Lee and her father and mother. The marriage was solemnized, as stated, today.

## \$300 Bond for Yandle.

Squire Barrett held quite a session in the courtroom Monday night, the case being the State vs Neal Yandle, with Lola Page as prosecuting witness. Both parties work at Hannah Pickett mill. Miss Page testified that Mr. Yandle assaulted her by slapping her. Squire Barrett bound Yandle to July 25th term of Superior Court under \$300 bond. His attorney was W. R. Jones, appearing for the State was Sedberry & Phillips.

Mr. J. R. Felts and wife and son expects to leave here Sunday for LaGrange where he will again edit and operate The Lenorian. More recently he and ex-sheriff J. M. Smith have conducted a job plant here under the name of Smith & Felts.

Look on page five and you'll see the picture of a prominent Rockingham banker who two weeks ago covered himself with imperishable glory in a race at Pinehurst.

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